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8. FRASER TURNED CONVERSATION BACK TO DESIRABILITY OF EARLIEST POSSIBLE CEASEFIRE AND HOW IT AND MEANINGFULL NEGOTIATION PROCESS COULD BE BROUGHT ABOUT. BA PREDICTABLY INSISTED USG MUST FIRST REPLACE THIEU. FRASER CHIDED THAT THIS WOULD BE INTERFERENCE IN VIETNAMESE AFFAIRS, AGAINST WHICH BA HAD EARLIER REMONSTRATED. BA SAID ANY INTERFERENCE OUSTING THIEU WOULD BE GOOD INTERFERENCE AND COULD GO FORWARD WITH HIS BLESSING. FRASER SAID THAT IF A NEW GVN EMERGED AND THIEU WERE OUT AND NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED, HE SAW NO REASON WHY CEASEFIRE COULD NOT START WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS. BA REPEATED AND ENLARGED UPON PRG CONCERN OVER GVN LACK OF GOOD FAITH. BA NOTED THAT EVEN ANTI-THIEU FIGURES LIKE NGUYEN CAO KY AND OTHERS STILL ADVOCATED CARRYING ON THE WAR. ANY CEASEFIRE BEFORE A SETTLEMENT WAS REACHED WOULD ONLY BE USED, AS IT WAS RIGHT AFTER THE PARIS ACCORDS, TO REGROUP GVN FORCES AND IMPROVE THEIR POSITIONS. BA PROTESTED THAT HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT CERTAINLY WANTED THE WAR AND THE ENDLESS KILLING OF VIETNAMESE BY VIETNAMESE TO STOP, BUT SAID ALL THEIR EXPERIENCE AND EVEN THE PUBLIC DECLARATIONS OF GVN OFFICIALS SHOWED THAT AS LONG AS U.S. AID CONTINUED THE WAR WOULD CONTINUE. HE MADE A RENEWED APPEAL FOR CONGRESSIONAL CUTOFF OF AID. IN ONE OF HIS RATHER FEW UNCAUTIOUS MIS-STATEMENTS OF FACT, HE SAID THAT CURRENT U.S. AID TO GVN WAS VIOLATION OF PARIS ACCORDS. FRASER POUNCED ON THIS, SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT IN CONSIDER

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